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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before further examination on the merits and in response to the Examiner's Action mailed April 26, 1999 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

42. (Amended) A [pharmaceutical] composition [comprising a mixture of active compounds] consisting essentially of (A) a [pharmaceutically active] polypeptide [and], (B) [a substance] one or more substances which [enhances] enhance the absorption of said polypeptide in the lower respiratory tract, and (C) optionally one or more non-hygroscopic additives, said [mixture] composition being in the form of a [non-hygroscopic] dry powder suitable for inhalation from a dry powder inhaler, wherein at least 50% of the total mass of [said active compounds] (A) and (B) consists of [(a)] primary particles having a diameter of up to about 10 microns [or (b) agglomerates of such

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